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SUBJ: TURI MUHAMMADU -- IV GRANTEE

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1. MISSION COMMENDS MUHAMMADU TO SPECIAL ATTENTION AF, CU/AF AND IAA. HE IS PROBABLY SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL EDITOR IN NIGERIA AND HIS IMPORTANCE QUITE LIKELY TO INCREASE UNDER NEW FMG REGIME. MUHAMMADU IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, WELL-READ, PERCEPTIVE AND ARTICULATE. READS AND ANALYZES AMERICAN HISTORY AS HOBBY. (HIS MAJOR INFORMATION SOURCES HAVE BEEN BRITISH; TRIP PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADING AMERICAN COMMENTATORS AND TO ASSESS AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, PARTICULARLY

ROLE OF FOURTH ESTATE AND LEGAL SYSTEM.

2. DURING PREDEPARTURE DINNER AT PAO RESIDENCE, HE INDICATED INTERESTS WHICH LEAD US TO MAKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN HIS PROGRAM IF POSSIBLE.

A. VISIT TO ATLANTA INCLUDING CALL ON MAYOR, MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG (IN ATLANTA OR WASHINGTON) WHO INTERESTED NIGERIAN AFFAIRS, TO VISIT ATLANTA UNIVERSITY COMPLEX AND OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH ATLANTA NEWSPAPER EDITORS.

B. DISCUSSION WITH WASHINGTON POST EDITORS AND BERNSTEIN/ WOODWARD. (MUHAMMADU EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WATERGATE INVESTIGATION).

C. VISIT TO ARPAN'S JOURNALISM SEMINAR AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND

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NIEMAN PROGRAM AT HARVARD.

C. BRIEFING ON BICENTENNIAL, PARTICULARLY UPCOMING ARASC.
E. BRIEFINGS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY/AF AND AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.
F. ATTENDANCED AT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE, SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE OR UN ADDRESS.
G. BRIEFING AT USIA.
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